

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Status

Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, 30-33, and 35 are pending. Claim 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error. It is submitted that all amendments are fully supported and entry is requested.

Double Patenting Rejections


Claims 1, 9-20, 23-25, 30-33, and 35 have been rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over US Patent Nos. 5,663,134; 5,668,097; 5,670,475; 5,783,544; 6,077,318; 6,146,621; 6,248,135; 6,451,065; and 7,182,941. Terminal Disclaimers are being submitted herewith to obviate this rejection.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all claims now under consideration are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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